

What is Deaf Studies?

American Sign Language (ASL) & the Deaf Studies major takes an interdisciplinary approach to the study of deaf and hard-of-hearing people in American and world society. The program promotes the understanding of deaf people as a linguistic and cultural group and encourages students to analyze existing stereotypes and policies relating to deaf and hard-of-hearing people in order to work both within their own communities and others in effecting change for the betterment of the deaf and hard-of-hearing community.

The core program is designed for students to develop a multidisciplinary approach to the study of deaf and hard of hearing people drawing from the areas of language, linguistics, community, history, culture, and literature.

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Why Sacramento State?

The Sacramento State Deaf Studies Program has been a leader in ASL instruction in the Sacramento area since 1978.

The Sacramento State Deaf Studies Program is a dynamic student-centered program with a progressive philosophy toward second language instruction. We provide a broad range of as an intensive study of the culture and community of deaf and hard-of-hearing people. In addition, Sacramento State offers excellent academic and social opportunities for students from a variety of backgrounds.

Our program is located in Sacramento, California where students can enjoy the best of city life and the great outdoors. Sacramento is known for its music, fine dining, and cultural attractions. Sacramento, as the state capital, with a vibrant and growing deaf community, offers excellent opportunities for social and political interaction. If you are looking for a great program at an extraordinary university in an exciting city, the Sacramento State Deaf Studies Program is the place for you!



Preparing for Your Future

Deaf Studies majors and minors can enter careers in both the public and private sectors.

Students may combine an ASL/Deaf Studies Major with a related service area of study such as Education, Counseling, Audiology, Speech-Language Pathology. Deaf Studies will provide students with a well-rounded grounding in the issues relating to the Deaf and hard-of-hearing in these fields. Students pursuing careers in the areas of health services, legal advocacy, and social services may also experience an edge in gaining employment.

With a major in Deaf Studies, graduates can find work among the following possibilities and much more:

- Administrative Assistant
- Community Advocate
- Corporate Support Staff
- Community Relations Specialist
- Educational Paraprofessional
- Human Resources Officer
- Legal/Political Professional
- Vocational Training Paraprofessional

With further training students can also pursue the following careers.

- ASL Instructor
- ASL-English Interpreter
- Social Worker
- Deaf Education Teacher (ToD)

ASL/Deaf Studies Degree Programs

- ASL/Deaf Studies Major (B.A.)
- ASL/Deaf Studies Minor



Courses Offered

- ASL 1 through ASL 5
- Fingerspelling and Numbers
- ASL Classifiers
- Introduction to Deaf Studies
- Deaf History
- Deaf Culture & Community
- ASL Literature: Analysis of Storytelling, Poetry, Drama
- ASL Structure & Usage/ ASL Linguistics
- Current Issues in the Deaf-World Seminar
- Experiences in the Deaf Community